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Hardin County Water District No. 2 Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award

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ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. (Nov. 17, 2015) – Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet today presented employees of the Hardin County Water District No. 2 with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The employees there have gone approximately 256,000 hours without a lost-time incident. This is their second such award, earning for the first time in 2009.

Kentucky Labor Secretary Larry L. Roberts praised the employees for their dedication to safety.

"Good, clean water is so important to a community, and the employees of Hardin County Water District No. 2 work extremely hard to deliver that service on a daily basis," said Secretary Roberts. "Not only do they exceed in doing extremely good work, they go about everything they do with safety as a top priority."

Hardin County Water District No. 2 serves more than 72,000 people in Hardin, LaRue and Hart Counties. The district's staff of about 70 people includes maintenance, repair

and construction crews, customer service personnel and treatment plant personnel. The district's three water treatment facilities produce approximately 3 billion gallons of water each year.

“Considering that our employees work in high risk and exposed environments, this is an award that I am particularly proud of,” said General Manager James Jeffries. “And because our employees are the most important assets we have, it is nice to know that we are keeping them safe while on the job.”

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor's Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. The requirement for the Hardin County Water District No. 2 was 250,000 hours.

The Governor's Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Steve Beshear's efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) last year as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky's dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky's successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state's collective health.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible for the award, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

For more on the Governor's Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

Please visit www.hardincountywater2.org to learn more about Hardin County Water District No. 2.

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